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MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Michael Souranis, Board President - LaVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director

July 1, 2010

Re: New CE Requirements

Dear Pharmacist:

COMAR 10.34.18 Continuing Education for Pharmacists, were amended to include requirements that affect renewing pharmacists, effective July 1, 2010. Specifically, renewing pharmacists licensed in Maryland will be required to:

- Acquire one (1) hour of continuing education (CE) on preventing medication errors;
- Acquire two (2) hours of CE obtained through live instruction; and
- Pharmacists may also acquire two (2) CE credits for attending a Board meeting in its entirety (not to exceed four (4) CE credits per renewal period).
- Renewing pharmacists who wish to request the Board acceptance of previously unapproved CE must make the request 90 days prior to license expiration; and
- All Maryland licensed, out-of-state pharmacists are now required by the amended regulations to meet all Maryland Board continuing education requirements.

To allow time for implementing the amended regulations, pharmacists due to renew in July, August and September 2010, will be exempt from meeting the new CE requirements in 2010.

Renewing pharmacists that are also certified to administer vaccinations in Maryland are reminded that statutory amendments passed during the 2009 legislative session require renewing pharmacists, as part of the 30 hours of approved CE requirement, to :

- Complete 4 hours of CE credits related to vaccinations; or
- If registered to administer vaccines before October 1, 2008 for the first renewal of the registration after that date, demonstrate that 4 CE credits taken include education about the herpes zoster and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines.

This notification serves as a brief summary of amended Maryland pharmacy laws and regulations. Maryland licensed pharmacists are responsible for meeting all of the state pharmacy laws and regulations that may be accessed through the Board's website at www.mdbop.org under News Updates to review the full version of the regulations. If additional information is required, please e-mail Summar J. Goodman, Licensing Manager at sjgoodman@dhmh.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

LaVerne G. Naesea
Executive Director